

Torrance, California.
December 11th., 1934.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, December 11th., 1934.

Meeting was called to order by City Clerk Bartlett at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Ludlow being absent, Councilman Stanger moved Councilman Tolson be appointed Mayor Pro-tem. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. Absent: Councilman: Ludlow.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 27th., 1934, be approved as written. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from Nelson Macy, President of the Navy League of the U.S., in connection with their invitation to the Council to join the Navy League of the U.S. This was ordered filed.

A communication from The Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion expressing their thanks to the city for courtesies and cooperation extended in their Armistice Day Celebration was read.

A communication from Los Angeles City School District, WALTERIA, submitting an itemized account of expenditures made for the WALTERIA school children's Christmas Party was read.

An invitation to the meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities at Alhambra on December 20th., was read.

A communication from the Veteran's Cooperative Relief Association expressing their sincere appreciation of appropriation to them for their Christmas Party was read.

A report from the Associated Oil Company that no receipts or earnings were derived by said company from the use, operation and possession of franchise lying within the city limits of the City of Torrance was read.

A missive from Bertha Clarke of Redondo Beach, California, thanking the Council for its kindness in deed and action in behalf of her recent sorrow was read.

An application from De De Barnard for the position of clerk in the Torrance Water Department was read. Councilman Hitchcock moved this communication be filed. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Joseph Pullman requesting permission to excavate sand from the city property, known as the "city dump" was read. Engineer Leonard stated he could see no objection to granting this request. Councilman Stanger moved this matter be laid over until Engineer can investigate. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from H.J. Summers, Assistant Engineer, with reference to the annual stock inventory of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company was read. Councilman Hitchcock moved this communication be filed. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read a resolution from the Torrance Democratic Club signed by Emmett A. Ryan, President and L.C. Conner, Chairman, relating to further expenditures on the water system. After considerable discussion, Councilman Stanger moved the City Clerk write the Democratic Club informing them that as soon as the Engineers and Council can given an intelligent report that they will do so and the report will be published in our local paper. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Torrance Revolver and Rifle Association, sponsored by the local Police Department, requesting an appropriation of \$50. by the Council to further this work was read. Councilman Hitchcock moved permission be given the Association to use the city property located on Plaza Del Amo for a rifle range and their request for appropriation be granted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow. As a record only the Council desires an itemized statement of expenditures.

Councilman Hitchcock reported on the tree planting program that 685 trees had been planted and the work was progressing very nicely. Also the request for sidewalks on Eldorado had been taken care of.

Attorney Rippy reported he had had a conference with Walter Mann, Attorney for the Water Company, in connection with application to the Railroad Commission, and it is necessary for the city to join in the application so a motion should be passed at this time authorizing the Mayor to sign and City Clerk to attest to it. Councilman Klusman moved the Mayor be authorized to sign and City Clerk to attest and attach seal of the City to the application to the Railroad Commission to transfer the assets of the Water Company to the City or Municipal Improvement District No. 1. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Attorney Rippy reported all deeds, easements and bills of sale of the Water Company are being prepared to be sent over and have the descriptions checked.

Attorney Rippy read title to

ORDINANCE NO. 261

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE PLAYING OF GAMES OF SKILL, PRESCRIBING A LICENSE THEREFOR, REGULATING THE MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT OF PLACES WHERE SUCH GAMES ARE PLAYED, AND FIXING THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF.

Councilman Stanger moved the further reading of Ordinance No. 261 be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Stanger moved that Ordinance No. 261 be adopted for its final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Attorney Rippy read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 657

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS REGARDING STEEL WATER TANK AND TOWER.

Councilman Klusman objected to passing this resolution and requested that it be held up for the time being. Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 657 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Stanger, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Attorney Rippy read in full

RESOLUTION NO. 658

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF 100-FOOT RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN
THE NORTHERLY TERMINUS OF CEDAR AVENUE AND SOUTHERLY
BOUNDARY OF 190TH STREET, FOR ROAD PURPOSES FROM THE
GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 658 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Councilman Klusman stated he believed funds from the Government would soon be available to improve grade crossings. Councilman Klusman moved the City Engineer be instructed to check up on any necessary grade crossings in the city and report to the Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Klusman called attention to the "No Parking Signs" on both sides of the street in front of the hospital stating he did not believe in prohibiting people from parking on streets and suggested the signs be changed to "Hospital Quiet". Councilman Klusman moved the signs at the hospital be changed to "Quiet" instead of "No Parking". Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Councilman Klusman called attention to the fact that he was a member of but one Committee on the Board and felt that he should be appointed on a water committee. Councilman Klusman then moved that he be appointed Water Commissioner. The motion was lost for want of a second.

City Clerk Bartlett reported we had received some \$16,000. from the County and with this amount together with approximately \$13,000. on deposit we have paid off over \$29,000. and interest on registered warrants.

City Clerk Bartlett also reported he had received a request from Mr. Sodosky on Torrance Boulevard to have a tree taken out.

City Clerk Bartlett reported for Mayor Ludlow that he had received word to the effect that Government funds would soon be available for material as well as labor and suggested the Engineering Department work out some project to be submitted when money is available. Mayor Ludlow also attended the Sanitary Sewer meeting and had received a copy of the decision of the activated sludge proposition.

City Clerk Bartlett stated he had received a letter from the firm O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers requesting certain minutes referring to the water bonds be amended. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the portion of the minutes of September 11th., 1934, beginning, Attorney Rippy read Ordinance No. 258 Amending Ordinance No. 254 Providing for the Issuance of \$200,000. Bonds, be amended to read: Attorney Rippy read in full Ordinance No. 258 Amending Ordinance No. 254 Providing for the Issuance of \$200,000.00 Bonds. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the portion of the minutes of September 25th., 1934, beginning, Attorney Rippy read Ordinance No. 258 Amending Ordinance No. 254 Providing for the Issuance of \$200,000. Bonds, be amended to read: Attorney Rippy read in full Ordinance No. 258 Amending Ordinance No. 254 Providing for the Issuance of \$200,000.00 Bonds. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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Councilman Stanger moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Ludlow.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, December 18th., 1934, at 7:45 P.M. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Tolson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

Wm. H. Tolson
Mayor Pro-tem of the City of Torrance

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